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Briefings

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Operations

FROM: Harry E. Fitzwater
Director of Training

SUBJECT: Contribution to the Office of Training
by [REDACTED]

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1. The Office of Training wishes to express its appreciation for the invaluable services rendered by [REDACTED] to the Agency's training programs in general and to the special programs of this Office in particular. We regret deeply that this relationship will change because of his contemplated reassignment.

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2. First invited several years ago to lecture to the Intelligence in World Affairs Course (now the Introduction to CIA) on the work of your Directorate, [REDACTED] proved so adept in representing the Directorate of Operations to the new employee that he was soon asked also to brief the members of the Foreign Service Officers Basic Course of the State Department (the introductory course of the so-called "Junior Foreign Service Officers"). These classes are included in our regular briefing programs for other U.S. Government agencies. Again, he proved to be such an able spokesman that he soon became a regular participant in the six briefings a year conducted for that course.

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3. He was often called upon by our Special Programs Officer, [REDACTED] to brief classes from the National Security Agency and Defense Intelligence School, the Intelligence and Foreign Policy Course of the Foreign Service Institute, and other programs such as the Foreign Area Officers Course of the U.S. Army Military Assistance Institute, Fort Bragg. He also contributed frequently to CIA Today and Tomorrow, the Office of Training's largest enrollment course.

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4. We cannot speak highly enough of the service [REDACTED] has rendered. The outside audiences to which he has spoken are often composed of persons whose present or

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future support is significant to us. We believe that he has helped allay concern among the potentially hostile and has developed increased understanding and support for the valid responsibilities of your Directorate. He is, as you know, articulate, reasonable, candid and experienced, and he has used all of these traits to remarkably good effect. His head-on, unapologetic approach to questioning has elicited consistently favorable response. [redacted] tells me that [redacted] is cited appreciatively to her more than any other speaker, and it is her view that the many commendations received for our special programs reflect in great part his participation.

5. We want [redacted] and you to know of our gratitude. We will appreciate having this letter made a formal part of his personnel record.

[redacted]
Harry E. Fitzwater

cc: OP/ [redacted]

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